

House Resolution No. 3941

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are deeply saddened by the news of the recent death of Rainey J. “Jimmy” Crawford, III at the too-young age of forty-one years; and

Whereas, Jimmy Crawford, who was a St. Louis real estate developer and the former owner of a local jazz dinner club, will be remembered for his entrepreneurial acumen; and

Whereas, Jimmy Crawford was well recognized for his efforts to help those less fortunate, specifically acting as mentor to no fewer than twelve young people and his efforts to reach out to minority contractors whenever possible; and

Whereas, born in St. Louis and a graduate of Parkway West High School, Jimmy Crawford graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta with a double major in marketing and international business, where he was active in campus marketing organizations, and he spent time studying in Mexico; and

Whereas, after graduation, Jimmy Crawford returned to St. Louis and worked in sales and marketing for Monsanto, and during the early 1990s, he moved back to Atlanta and opened two successful and popular nightclubs, both named Frozen Paradise; and

Whereas, in 1994, Jimmy Crawford opened Lyrics in St. Louis’ Central West End, a sophisticated jazz and supper club on Euclid Avenue, and he sold the club a few years later and went into real estate development; and

Whereas, Jimmy Crawford owned two real estate companies, Kingsbury Management Development and the RJC Development Firm located on DeBaliviere Avenue, and he was an active developer on rehabilitating homes, condominiums and apartments in St. Louis, especially in the Skinker-DeBaliviere area; and

Whereas, Jimmy Crawford will be profoundly missed by his parents, Rainey Crawford, Jr. and Thelma Crawford, of Kansas City; and his sister, Sharon Butler, of Naperville, Illinois:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Jimmy Crawford on this sad occasion; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the family of Rainey J. “Jimmy” Crawford, III.

Offered by _____
Representative Craig Bland
District No. 43

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3941, adopted June 1, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker